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Wing award winners announced



319th Air Refueling Wing ♦ Winners of the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (July 2000 to June 2002)

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Weekend weather

Today 22/04 flurries
Saturday 09/-07 flurries
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Air Force's Secretary, Chief of Staff offer condolences to shuttle families

By Dr. James G. Roche and Gen. John P. Jumper
Secretary of the Air Force and Air Force chief of staff

On Saturday, Feb. 1, our nation and the world lost seven courageous, talented individuals when the Space Shuttle Columbia Orbiter (STS-107) experienced catastrophic failure 15 minutes prior to landing at Kennedy Space Center, Fla. Among these brave astronauts were two officers from the Air Force family: Col. Rick Husband, mission commander, from Amarillo, Texas; and Lt. Col. Michael Anderson, payload commander, from Spokane, Wash.

On behalf of the men and women of the U.S. Air Force, we offer our deepest condolences to our Air Force family members Evelyn Husband and her children Laura and Matthew, and Sandra Anderson and her children Sydney and Kaycee. We stand together with all Americans in offering our prayers for the families, friends, and co-workers of those lost in this tragic accident. We will never forget their great contributions to our nation and the world.

While we are deeply saddened by this tragic loss, we are also very proud of the Air Force team that has tirelessly assisted in the response to this national tragedy.

Air Force Space Command units from Peterson, Buckley, and Patrick AFBs provided tracking data as part of the accident investigation. Tanker units from Birmingham, Ala., and fighter squadrons from Texas and Louisiana supported a number of search and recovery actions. We've also flown communications support out of Texas and Oklahoma and provided airlift support from McGuire AFB. Barksdale AFB provided part of the Initial Response Teams supporting the Texas Department of Public Safety in recovery efforts, and continues to function as the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Consequence Management Operations Center and NASA Shuttle Recovery Center. The Air Force family will continue to offer support to the astronaut's families, DoD, NASA, FEMA, and state organizations.

We grieve for our friends and co-workers, but we also join the rest of the world in celebrating seven lives well lived and promise to continue to support the space program's noble mission of discovery.

May God bless the grieving families, our men and women in uniform, and the United States of America.

KC-135 unit marks 2,000th refueling mission

By Capt. Don Langley
340th Expeditionary Wing public affairs

The 340th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron launched the 2,000th KC-135 mission from Base Y Jan. 15.

Captains Denver Collins, Christopher Randall, Jeremy Thomas, and Airman 1st Class Daniel Zickefoose flew 4.7 hours, refueling F-16s and EA-6Bs.

They offloaded more than 60,000 pounds of fuel on the milestone flight.

Since starting operations here in October 2001, the 340th EARS has distributed more than 96 million pounds of fuel to more than 4,000 coalition aircraft,

in support of the global war on terror.

The unit works in concert with their KC-10 counterparts to keep fuel available in the skies over Afghanistan 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The two units often hand fuel off to each other.

"There is a rumor that a gallon of fuel from this base took off in October 2001 and is still orbiting over Afghanistan today in one of our tankers," said Lt. Col. Glenn Rousseau, 340th EARS commander.

"True or not, combined with the KC-10 milestone reached last week, this base has pulled together to launch over 5,000 air refueling missions - a tremendous accomplishment we should all be proud of."



Photo by Staff Sgt. David Donovan

Cpts. Denver Collins and Brandon Thomas, Airman 1st Class Dan Zickefoose and Capt. Chris Randall, 340th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, plan the 2,000th KC-135 mission.



Action Line
747-4522

The Action Line is your avenue for information about events and activities on and around the base.

For questions about current events or rumors, please leave a message.

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DWI-free days.

The base gets a down day for 100 DWI-free days.



Col. Keye Sabol
319th Air Refueling
Wing commander

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Top general thanks Americans for support

By Kathleen T. Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) -- America's top general thanked Americans during a Pentagon briefing Tuesday for their outpouring of support to their armed forces.

"I want to express my gratitude to the American people for sending their online thank you note to America's servicemembers, thanking them for defending our nation's freedoms," said Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He said 3.7 million people to date had visited the Defend America Web site and signed its online thank you note.

Defend America is the Defense Department's official Web site for news on the war on terrorism. Along with coverage of top national security leaders, the site also features up-to-date photographs, information on weapons and

equipment, personality profiles and human-interest features.

The Web site debuted shortly after U.S. troops went into Afghanistan in response to the terrorist attacks Sept. 11, 2001. Its online thank you note was posted in May during Military Appreciation Month.

So many people have been signing the card lately that the total had climbed another 100,000 before Myers left the podium, Defend America editor Linda Kozaryn said.

"Now that people are finding out about the note, more are signing every hour," she said. "It gives them a way to show how strongly America supports her sons and daughters in uniform."

She estimated the tally would exceed 4 million the end of Wednesday.

DOD officials are working out details of how to make the electronic "signatures" available for servicemembers to see.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

Using the Defend America Web site, nearly 4 million people have signed an online thank you note for deployed troops.

African American History Month Proclamation

By the President of the United States of America

The theme of National African American History Month for 2002 is “The Color Line Revisited: Is Racism Dead?” The observance calls our Nation’s attention to the continued need to battle racism and to build a society that fully lives up to its democratic ideals. This commitment includes ensuring a high-quality education for all Americans, so that no child is left behind, and challenges us to continue to rebuild and restore our communities, to fight crime and violence, and to pursue equal opportunity and equal justice in every part of our society. At the same time, the United States must look beyond its borders and take an active role in helping to alleviate poverty, stimulate economic growth and trade, enhance democracy, and combat HIV/AIDS in Africa.

During National African American History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development.

In 1915, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson founded The Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. Through that Association, he began pressing for the establishment of Negro History Week as a way to bring national attention to the accomplishments of African Americans. He hoped to neutralize the apparent distortions in Black history and to provide a more objective and scholarly balance to American and World history.

Dr. Woodson’s dream became a reality in 1926. He chose the second week of February for the observance because of its proximity to the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, two individuals whom Dr. Woodson felt had dramatically affected the lives of African Americans. And in 1976, the Association succeeded in expanding the observance, which then became Black History Month.

Base-wide activities planned for Black History Month

“Once let the black man get upon his person the brass letters, U.S.; let him get an eagle on his button, and a musket on his shoulder and bullets in his pockets, and there is no power on earth which can deny that he has earned the right to citizenship in the United States.”

-- Frederick Douglass

By Staff Sgt. Randy Roughton
Public affairs

For almost a decade, Grand Forks Air Force Base has been one of the best at recognizing DOD’s official cultural observances.

There are seven DOD-sanctioned observances – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday, Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month, Black History Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, Native American Heritage Month, Women’s History and Holocaust Remembrance Day. The 319th Air Refueling Wing, with the support of its installation commanders and coordination of its military equal opportunity office, has put together base-wide activities to support each cultural observance.

“Our last four wing commanders have really got behind the DOD events and made each one a wing-level event,” said Master Sgt. Gary Cleland, MEO superintendent. “These events come down to leadership support. We can put them on, but to do them correctly, we must organize them in a manner that reflects positively on the wing.

“We get great support from our squadron commanders, and (wing commander) Col. Keye Sabol takes a personal interest in these events.”

This month, the base turns its attention to Black History Month, with three major events featured in February. This year’s theme on base is “The Roots of Our American Way of Life.”

Black History Month festivities kick off with a kids’ fair at the youth center at 3 p.m. today. There will also be a gospel extravaganza at 5 p.m. Feb. 15 at the community activities center, and a theatrical performance by the Mixed Blood Theatrical Company from Minneapolis at noon Feb. 24 at The Club, with a soul food luncheon by the African-American Cultural Association.



Photo by Senior Airman Monte Volk

Day of prayer

The sub-zero temperatures didn't stop 319th Air Refueling Wing warriors from attending the National Prayer Breakfast Tuesday morning at the club. Attendees were treated to a bit of humor and a first-hand perspective of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack on the Pentagon, from guest speaker, Chaplain (Col.) Charles Locklin, Air Mobility Command, Head Chaplain.

Seven make promotion list

The 319th Air Refueling Wing had one lieutenant colonel selected for promotion to colonel and six majors selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel.

Colonel select:

Steven A. Wilson, 319th Medical Support Squadron

Lieutenant colonel selects:

David M. Boots, 319th Operations Support Squadron

Murray R. Clark, 912th Air Refueling Squadron

Bradford C. Davis, 905th Air Refueling Squadron

Walter C. Moynihan, 319th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Brett L. Owens, 906th Air Refueling Squadron

Timothy J. Spies, 906th ARS

The biomedical sciences corps board selected 14 lieutenant colonels for promotion to colonel; the judge advocate general, chaplain, biomedical sciences corps and nurse corps boards selected 1,708 majors for promotion to lieutenant colonel; and the judge advocate general selected 20 first lieutenants to captain.

The colonel's board considered 167 officers, the lieutenant colonel's board considered 8,632 officers and the captain's board considered 20. The results of the 2002 boards are as follows:

Biomedical sciences corps

In-the-zone: 42.9 selected

Above-the-zone: None selected

Below-the-zone: 2.1 percent selected

Lieutenant colonel selection statistics

In-the-zone:

Line - 71.7 percent selected

Chaplain -- 54.5 percent selected

JAG -- 76.5 percent selected

NC -- 52.5 percent selected

BSC -- 53.8 percent selected

Above-the-zone:

Line -- 3.7 percent selected

Chaplain - 6.9 percent selected

JAG -- 8.3 percent selected

NC -- 2.8 percent selected

BSC -- 4.8 percent selected

Below-the-zone:

Line -- 4.6 percent selected

Chaplain -- None selected

JAG -- None

NC -- 2.6 percent selected

BSC -- 2.6 percent selected

Captain selection statistics

In-the-promotion zone:

JAG -- 100 percent selected

The entire list is available on the Air Force Personnel Center Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil.

Base stands by zero tolerance

By Tech. Sgt. Scott Davis
Public affairs

After seeing the number of DUIs double from 2001 to 2002, the base has already witnessed three DUIs in the first month of 2003.

“We have a zero tolerance for drinking and driving, and that includes underage drinking as well,” said Col. Keye Sabol, 319th Air Refueling Wing commander.

The three DUIs in January continued a trend wing leadership would like to end. Since going 112 consecutive days without an incident from July to November in 2000, the wing has incurred 44 driving under the influence violations. Thirteen DUIs were reported in 2001 and 26 in 2002.

“We are absolutely fortunate no deaths occurred as a result of these DUIs,” said Chief Master Sgt. Danny Holwerda, 319th Air Refueling Wing command chief.

A driver is considered “driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs” when in physical control over a vehicle. This includes sitting at the wheel of a motionless car if the keys are in the ignition or the car is running.

There are two separate charges a person driving under the influence may face, according to Capt. Ted Richard, 319th ARW assistant staff judge advocate: operating a motor vehicle under the influence and driving a vehicle with a prohibited blood alcohol content.

“You can get a drunk driving ticket even with a blood alcohol content of .05 if you’re driving in a reckless or wanton manner,” Richard said.

The Air Force prosecutes offenders under Article 111 of

the Uniform Code of Military Justice for “drunken or reckless operation of a vehicle.” The maximum sentence for an incident that doesn’t cause personal injury is six months confinement and a bad conduct discharge. Incidents that cause personal injury could lead to punishment of 18 months confinement, forfeiture of pay and allowances, reduction in rank and a dishonorable discharge.

According to Richard, other consequences faced by offenders include: loss of base driving privileges for one year; increased insurance rates; a possible unfavorable information file; and reflection of the incident on the member’s performance report. If the incident occurs in Grand Forks, offenders receive a typical fine of \$375 for the first offense.

North Dakota requires a minimum of 10 hours of education for a DUI offender to get back his or her license, and the base requires military members to attend a Mothers Against Drunk Driving presentation. The base provides the 10 hours of education through its Alcohol Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment program at the 319th Medical Group life skills support center.

The military member also has an appointment with the 319th ARW commanderafter the justice process has run its course.

“Each person who gets a DUI has to come see me personally in blues with their squadron commander,” Sabol said.

This commitment by wing leadership to deal with DUIs begins before the offense occurs. Each squadron has a program in place for members who have consumed too much alcohol, and everyone is encouraged to use Airmen Against Drunk Driving (740-CARE) as a final resort.

Six receive Articles 15

Six 319th Air Refueling Wing members received Articles 15 punishment in January. Unfavorable information files were placed for all offenses, unless otherwise indicated.

An airman received a reduction to airman basic and forfeiture of \$1104 for sleeping on post.

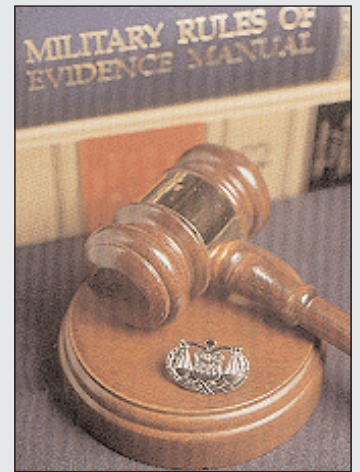
An airman first class received a suspended reduction to airman, suspended forfeiture of \$150, suspended 30 days restricted duty and 15 days extra duty for fleeing the scene.

A staff sergeant received a suspended reduction to senior airman, 45 days restricted duty and a reprimand for adultery.

An airman first class received a suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$210, 15 days restricted duty, 15 days extra duty and a reprimand for underage drinking.

An airman received a suspended reduction to airman basic, forfeiture of \$420, 30 days restricted duty, 15 days extra duty and a reprimand for underage drinking.

An airman received a suspended reduction to airman basic, suspended forfeiture of \$400 and 20 days restricted duty for assault and battery.



Briefs

OPSEC tip

Where and how you discuss unclassified, critical information is just as important as with whom you discuss it. An adversary's agents tasked with collecting information frequently visit some of the same stores, clubs, recreational areas or even churches as you do.

Stickers required for travel voucher processing

This program was initiated in December when it was revealed that 20 percent of base members each month remained officially unaccounted for even though they were back at work in their duty sections. In today's high operations tempo environment, the Air Force must have 100 percent accountability of its members in its military database system at all times. Since unit commander support staffs update this information, it is each member's responsibility to sign-in and out of their CSS before going and after temporary duty assignments. Unfortunately, this has not been happening and it has reflected poorly on our wing at the Air Force level in monthly duty status tracking statistics.

The only way to better accomplish accountability is for CSSs (and PRU from those returning from deployments) to place a verification sticker on the temporary duty orders of members who sign in as proof that they are present for duty. Only after members have a verification sticker on their orders will they be allowed to file a travel voucher at base finance for payment. Doing this ensures unit commanders and leadership at all levels have an accurate accountability of those under them.

Although this has been published in all sources and sent to CSSs and commanders, a small number of individuals have taken their frustrations out on the airmen and women at base finance. It has always been a member's responsibility to report to his or her unit when departing and returning from TDY so they can be accounted for.

Legal office new hours

In an effort to better serve shift workers, the base legal office is changing its hours:

Powers of attorney and notaries will be on a walk-in basis 8 a.m. to noon Monday and Wednesday and noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

Wills will be made by appointments only. All other legal assistance will be from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Call 747-3605/3606 for an appointment.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to organize activities for Earth Week (April 21 to 25). The next meeting will be 3 p.m. Tuesday in the 319th Civil Engineer Squadron Conference Room (Building 410). Guaranteed fun and laughter as we work together to accomplish our mission while preserving our environment. Call Linda Olson at 747-4655 for more information.

"For the Love of Chocolate,"

"For the Love of Chocolate," a Community Violence Intervention Center fund-raiser to benefit will be 1 to 4 p.m. Feb. 16 at Sanders 1907 Restaurant in downtown, Grand Forks.

Tickets, \$5, will be available at the door or in advance at CVIC.

A Chocolate Buffet is a fundraising event to create awareness in honor of North Dakota's "Love Without Fear" campaign. Proceeds from this fundraiser benefit CVIC and its work of helping families living with violence find peace.

Five officer specialties to receive bonus

More than 6,000 officers in five critical skill career fields are now eligible for up to four years of a retention bonus at \$10,000 per year – up to \$40,000 – thanks to the Air Force's Critical Skills Retention Bonus Program.

The people who may qualify are scientists, developmental engineers, acquisition program managers, civil engineers, and communications and information officers with four to 13 years commissioned service who are willing to commit to serving up to four more years. Those eligible can start to receive their annual payments in the March/April time frame.

Officers who become eligible for the CSRB before Sept. 30 have until Aug. 31 to take advantage of the bonus.

Most officers who qualify for the bonus will receive the standard four-year active duty service commitment that runs concurrently with any other service commitments. The exception is officers who have completed 11, 12 or 13 years of commissioned service, said Colonel Vande Hey. These officers would receive three-, two- and one-year active duty service commitments based on corresponding agreements at the same rate of \$10,000 a year.

For more information, call the Air Force Contact Center toll free at (866) 229-7074 or DSN 665-5000.

What is Black History Month

By Airman 1st Class Ntozake Stringfield

319th Logistics Readiness Squadron

I could just tell you in a few short words what seems to be the definition of Black History Month what one might say as ‘It is the month where all African American celebrate their culture.’ That is wrong and in a sense correct. Look at it again. ‘It is the month where all African AMERICANS celebrate their culture.’ Yes, Black History Month is to celebrate African American History. But more importantly to educate and make others aware of the contributions African Americans have made to America’s history. So therefore not making it a month just for African Americans but for all Americans.

It was in 1915 that Dr. Carter G. Woodsen proposed a ‘Negro History Week’. A man born to former slaves and spent his childhood working in Kentucky coalmines. And although it was not until the age of twenty that he enrolled in High school, he still went on to earn a P.H.D from Harvard.

It was then that this black scholar found

that the history books ignored the African American people and when black were referred to it was to characterize them as the inferior society.

Woodsen literally took up his pen in arms and wrote African Americans into America’s History. In doing so he established The Association for the study of Negro Life and History, (which is now known as The Association for the Study of Afro. American Life and History) in 1915. The year he proposed a ‘Negro History Week’. But it wasn’t until 1926 that Dr. Carter G. Woodsen’s dream became a reality. He chose the second week in February in order to pay tribute to the two Americans that had a great impact on the lives of African Americans. Abraham Lincoln (Feb. 12) and Frederick Douglass (Feb. 14). It wasn’t until 1976 that this weeklong observance became Black History Month. Fifty years later.

So although we owe the celebration of Black History to Dr. Carter G. Woodsen we owe the study and the education to him as well. Not making it a month just for African Americans but for all Americans. One nation, under God.

Black History Month Events

Kid’s Fair

Date: Today

Time/Place: 3 p.m., youth center

POC: Angela Gere

Gospel Extravaganza

Date: Feb. 28

Time/Place: 5 p.m., community activity center

POC: Staff Sgt. William Joseph

Main Event

Date: Feb. 24

Time: Noon to 1:30 p.m.

Theatrical Performance by Mixed Blood Theatrical Co. from Minneapolis
The Club/Soul Food Luncheon by AACA

Don’t Drink and Drive!

For a free, confidential, safe ride home, call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 740-CARE (2273). This program is open to military members, their families, and Department of Defense civilian employees.

Simple patriotic act reflects commitment to service

By Lt. Col. Edward Keegan
18th Communications Squadron commander

KADENA AIR BASE, Japan (AFPN) — Much is made in the press and popular culture about the generation that is currently coming of age to join the military — the generation that will replace us as the future of the Air Force.

The recurring theme is that they are not the service type, that their horizons are viewed through a lens of self-absorption, and that which is not immediately gratifying to them is not noticed or purposefully ignored.

Much is also made of the older generation. They are the venerable ones, those who served a higher cause, and made America the embodiment of an ideal. That generation includes my father-in-law, who recently visited us here on Okinawa, his first return here since passing through in 1965 on his way back to the United States from Vietnam.

He has long since retired from the Air Force, grown his remaining hair a little longer, and taken on full-time duties as a grandpa. The salute he receives at the gate as a retired lieutenant colonel had become perfunctory, done so often for so long that he doesn't even seem to notice

any more that he returns the gate guard's salute.

On a recent weekend, young met old at Kadena's Gate Two. A young airman, pulling his latest security forces augmentation tour, stepped up to the car when my wife and her parents arrived at the gate. Then something unexpected happened. Rather than performing the expected rote courtesies, the airman bent down, looked past my wife to her father, and said, "Thank you for serving, sir."

In my entire career, I have never been so proud of anyone. With that deceptively simple act, the young airman reminded a retired lieutenant colonel, and this active-duty lieutenant colonel, exactly what true service is about.

It is not about rank or position, and it is more than earning a paycheck. It is about a set of ideals that transcend time, that say we will do whatever is required to keep our country safe, just as those who came before us did.

That airman proved that the thread that binds the Air Force still exists across all the generations. He showed that our Air Force is, and will remain, in good hands, and America's greatest generation is not in the past, but is still to come. On behalf of the entire Air Force, I want to say to that young airman, "Thank you for serving, sir."

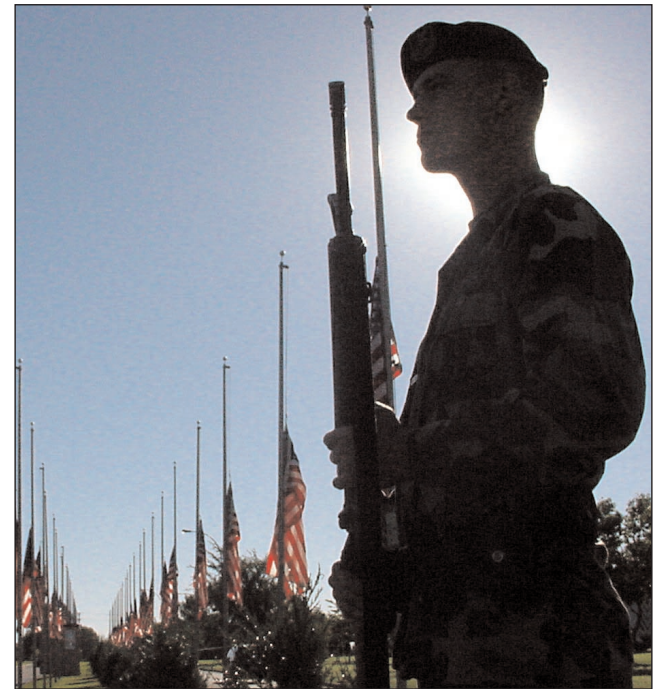


Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott Sturkol

Grand Forks gate guards stand vigilant in both balmy summer days and sub-zero winter nights.

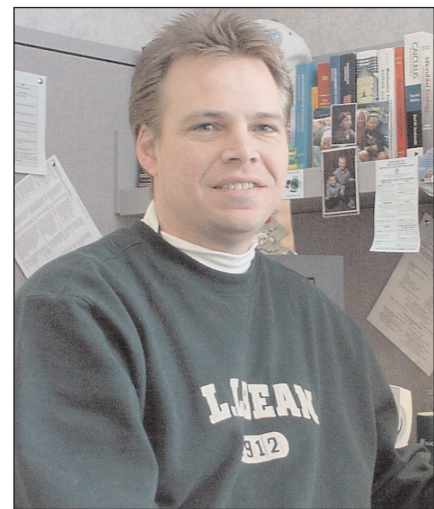
Congratulations wing warriors

2002 civilian program specialist of the year is...

Mary Middleton
319th Mission Support Group

As a child development center program technician, Ms Middleton ensures developmentally appropriate and quality childcare for our military community. During the year Mary was a key employee of the school age program and the child development program. Her contributions to both programs are evident by the success they have achieved in 2002, including the AMC 2002 youth programs of the year award, superb score 95.5 percent score on the DOD unannounced inspection and numerous facility and program improvements. Mary is a talented versatile employee who was an integral part and leader of the care of special needs children, the highly successful 2002 end of school bash, the grand opening of liberty square, month of the young child activities and many more special events. Mary was selected as the 319th ARW and MSG Category I, Civilian of the Quarter for Second Quarter 2002.

2002 civilian program manager of the year is...



Gary Raknerud
319th Civil Engineer Squadron

Raknerud's progress ional and astute management of the base pollution reduction and compliance programs was directly responsible for the winning the AMC pollution prevention award for 2002.

Under his direction, the base exceeded the air force 2005 40 percent solid waste diversion goal for the sixth year in a row, achieving 60 percent reduction for 2002. His outstanding management of the hazardous waste program resulted in grand forks being the first and only base in AMC to achieve small quantity hazardous waste generator status.

2002 senior civilian program manager of the year is...

David Quinn
319th Services Squadron

Quinn is the senior civilian executive manager for the 319th services squadron. His direct leadership and emphasis on investing in the future resulted in over \$170k in new equipment, four top of the line facility projects, a permanent home for 319th honor guard, 200k+ lodging upgrades, AF signature brand assessment, and fitness center gym floor replacement. The numbers tell the story of success for services under David's leadership and support: DOD no-notice inspection of the family member programs received the highest ratings in the air force to date.

2002 airman of the year for Grand Forks is...

Senior Airman Micah Ramthun
319th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman Ramthun has distinguished himself in the performance of his duties. His superior mechanical abilities during aircraft launch and recovery actions contributed to the wing flying over 26,437 hours and 4,350 worldwide missions while maintaining over 95 percent logistics departure reliability rate in calendar year 2002. His inner drive has con-



tributed to his completion of 38 credit hours toward his community college of the air force degree in aircraft maintenance technology despite being deployed for 145 days.

2002 non-commissioned officer of the year for Grand Forks is...

Tech. Sgt. Daniel Paulus
319th Civil Engineer Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Paulus is the NCOIC of ecological controls responsible for managing over \$500k worth of equipment and assets. As master entomologist, he worked directly with North Dakota Public Health Officials identifying mosquito-breeding sites for three counties in two states, controlling spread of the life-threatening West Nile virus. He supervised a 45-person team in the construction of a Habitat for Humanity home, completing the \$80,000 house ahead of schedule.

2002 senior non-commissioned officer of the year for Grand Forks is...

Senior Master Sgt. Gary Coumbs
319th Civil Engineer Squadron

Senior Master Sgt. Coumbs excelled in three key



positions during 2002. His primary duty is chief of infrastructure systems where he is responsible for 107 personnel from seven specialties that maintain the base real property assets. He also served as a member of our wing inspector general team where he led a deployment of 56 warriors to Volk Field and earned the highest possible rating in wartime readiness from the AMC IG evaluators. For the past three months he has filled in as the mission support group superintendent. As if excelling in three challenging positions wasn't enough, he also found time to complete a bachelor's degree.

2002 company grade officer of the year for Grand Forks is...

1st Lt. Brian Powers
319th Operations Support Squadron

First Lt. Brian Powers is the wing weather officer and is a member of the 319th Operations Support Squadron. During this period, Lt. powers served as the wing weather functional for planning the AMC IG generated exercise at the Savannah Combat Readiness Training Center. His superior leadership and skills paid off when his UTC was rated "outstanding", which was only two of three outstanding ratings in the 15th Air Force. He continued to shine when he deployed as weather flight commander for the 88th AEG simulated deployment and of the 217 CTC's inspected, his was one of only 12 rated "outstanding" and was lauded by Maj. Gen. Becker, 15th AF commander. While at home station, Lt. Powers led the severe weather action team and provided the base over 90 minutes of lead time for 10 severe thunderstorms and four tornados in the valley, protecting over \$11



The 319th Air Refueling Wing 2002 Annual Award Winners posed for a photo after the banquet Wednesday. The Air Force's first Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, retired Chief Master Sgt. Paul Airey, was the guest speaker and helped Col. Keye Sabol, 319th ARW commander, give out the awards.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Darcie Bergstrand



billion in base assets. In his spare time, he served as the operations group point man for the Air Force Ball.

2002 Grand Forks first sergeant of the year is...

Senior Master Sgt. Victor Rountree
319th Civil Engineer Squadron

Senior Master Sgt. Rountree is the first sergeant of the civil engineer squadron the fourth largest unit on base. Throughout this year, he also served as the first sergeant for our largest unit the previously titled aircraft generation squadron. He was hand picked by the wing commander to serve as the first sergeant for our initial deployment team to a classified location in southwest Asia. In all three capacities, Senior Master Sgt. Rountree consistently executed the first sergeant mission in a first class manner.



Honor guard member of the year for 2002 is...

Staff Sgt. Derick Nieves
319th Logistics Readiness Squadron

As the NCOIC of the wing honor guard Staff Sgt. Nieves scheduled, coordinated and assisted in the completion of over 160 funerals, retirements and memorial functions in North Dakota, Minnesota and the upper Mid-West. He directly contributed to the training of 25 new honor guard members and was the key in relocating the wing honor guard into their new practice facility. Always the professional he maintained a 100 percent attendance rate for all practices and ensured all training was being accomplished to the highest in military standards. Staff Sgt Nieves truly is serving with honor and dignity evidenced in his selection as the "top boots" winner for January and the 319th ARW honor guard member of the quarter for the first quarter 2002 an honor reserved for only the sharpest honor guard member the wing has to offer.



Community

Honor Roll

Nathan Twining Middle School

Nov. 4, 2002 through Jan. 17, 2003

2nd Quarter 6th Grade “A” Honor Roll

Thomas Bridge, Collin Brumskill, Emily Bush, Nathanael Clegg, Jacob Cline, Colleen Concannon, Savannah Davis, Brett Dziwulski, Justin Fitts, Melissa Haar, Logan Haas (Griffin), Jazmine Henry, Alexander Hoffman, Jade Holmes, Deaunta Johnson, Donald Kinlin III, Zachary Krebs, Alex Lawson, Patrick Lord-Ristau, Kyla McDowell, Christie Miller, Cassandra Molina, Gage Owens, Samantha Shahin, Tiana Stepp, Ashleigh Warner, Kent Williams.

2nd Quarter 6th Grade “B” Honor Roll

Brooke Bagnall, Mariah Bozeman, Christopher Cates, Erika Felix, Ryan Grau, Victoria Hansen, Marcus Jones, Robert Karpinski, Stephanie Lash, Megan Magoon, Corey Norman, Kendall Ouellette, Meghan Parsons, Erica Plets, Caitlyn Raitz, Michael Rodriguez, Leonard Shores, Melinda Siegel, Jonathan Smith (Braden), Eric Wilson.

2nd Quarter 7th Grade “A” Honor Roll

Mariz Arellano, Nathaniel Brown, Michael Cosgrove, Megan Fitts, Amanda Griggs, Jacob Grissom, Ryan Hendrickson, Megan Jimmo, Bryce Johnson, Brian Lamb, Caitlin Landis, Jillian Meires, Arianna Pasamante, Sara Plath, Katie Raker, Tawna Rausch, Zachary Rice, Jennifer Turner, Kyle Williams.

2nd Quarter 7th Grade “B” Honor Roll

Amy Blake, Ashli Brown, Kelly D’Augustino, Lindsay Glewen, Jennifer Henningsen, Megan Holmes, Brittanie Johnson, Felicia Kassak, Andrea Learing, John Lofgren, Sarah Maxwell, Cassidy Norton, Kimberly Osborn, Christine Phillips, Nicholas Pini, Joshua Rau, Geoffrey Richardson, Danielle Richter, Kaleigh Smith, Samantha Soper, Gregory Warren, Samuel Weaver, Tonia Williams.

2nd Quarter 8th Grade “A” Honor Roll

Gabrielle Becker, Shannon Boggs, Jamie Bolton, Cameo Brumskill, Amber Courtney, Brooke Deem, Joshua Harris, Kyle Haynes, Brittney Jordan, Morgan McKay, Stephani Mingus, Michael Molina, Christine Pare, Thomas Raker, Isaac Rountree, Christina Sabol, Beau Saiers, David Santiago, MaryHannah Shaw, Emily Younker.

2nd Quarter 8th Grade “B” Honor Roll

Llana Ganal, Brittney Jordan, William Klatt, Jacob Lawson, Nicole Magoon, Carrie Marshall, Thomas McDonald, Bryson Merrill, Stephani Mingus, Stephon Sharief, Cameron Stewart, Kierra Stiles, Brittany Vandergeeten.

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2nd Lt. Michael Marren

747-3255

Base theater

Today, 7 p.m.
The Wild Thornberrys Movie (PG) All tickets \$1

This one is based on the Nickelodeon TV show about a family that travels the world making nature documentaries. The special wrinkle is that one of their daughters, Eliza (Lacey Chabert), can communicate with animals. The clan winds up on an African safari, where Eliza and her chimp chum, Darwin (Tom Kane), must save a cheetah cub that has been snatched by poachers.

Saturday, 3 p.m.
Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13)

Picking up where The Fellowship of the Ring ends, The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers is the second film in Peter Jackson's epic adaptation of the J.R.R. Tolkien fantasy trilogy. The fellowship has divided, with hobbits Frodo and Sam continuing toward Mount Doom to destroy the one ring of power and the trio of warrior Aragorn, dwarf Gimli, and elf Legolas pursuing of a party of Uruk-hai warriors who have captured the fellowship's two other hobbits, Merry and Pippin. Meanwhile, Lord Sauron, in collaboration with the corrupt Saruman, continues to build his forces in the land of Mordor for the coming war with the free races of Middle-earth. The wizard Gandalf, previously thought dead, has returned, but will he be in time to reunite the fellowship against Sauron?

Saturday, 7 p.m.
Two Weeks Notice (PG-13)

Hugh Grant plays billionaire George Wade, who depends on his brilliant attorney, Lucy Kelson (Sandra Bullock), to run not only his company but his life, too. George treats Lucy more like a nanny than a lawyer — and finally Lucy has had enough. George agrees to let her out of her contract, but only if she finds him a replacement. She hires an ambitious young lawyer (Alicia Witt), but when Lucy is set to leave, George realizes that he may be in love with her.

Sunday, 7 p.m.
Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13)

Feb. 14, 7 p.m.
Catch Me If You Can (PG)

Feb. 15, 3 p.m.
Pinocchio (G)

Feb. 15, 7 p.m.
Antwone Fisher (PG-13)

Tickets: \$1.50 children, \$3 adults
For details, call 747-3021/6123.

Base chapel

CATHOLIC:
Mass: 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. Sunday.
Daily Mass: Tuesday - Friday 11:30 a.m.
Sunflower Chapel
CCD: 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Twining Elementary School, RCIA plus Confirmation
Reconciliation: 4 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 a.m. Sunday, or by appointment, Sunflower Chapel
PROTESTANT:
Traditional worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sunflower Chapel.
Liturgical worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Prairie Rose Chapel.
Contemporary worship: 6 p.m. Sunday, Prairie Rose Chapel
Young Adults: 6 p.m. Friday, Chaplain Swain's home 747-4359
Youth: 4 p.m. Sunday, meet at youth center
Religious Education: 9 a.m. Sunday, Eielson Elementary School.
Men of the Chapel: noon Monday, Prairie Rose conference room

JEWISH:
For details call Sheila Farquharson at 594-3960 or Synagogue B'nai Israel at 775-5124.
RUSSIAN/EASTERN ORTHODOX:
For details call Dr. Levitov 780-6540.
MUSLIM, BUDDHIST, OTHER:
For details call 747-5673.

Community



Reading breakfast
The Twining School PTO holds its 10th annual family reading breakfast Monday at Twining School. The breakfast is the first of several events held to promote North Dakota Reading Month. It was also an opportunity for families to share their love of reading together, and for parents to show their children how important being able to read is.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott Sturkol

Community

Today

THE CLUB: Come out to the Club tonight from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. and dance to “Club Mix.”

TEENSUPREME MEETING: Happens every Friday for ages 14 to 18 from 9 to 10 p.m. in Liberty Square Teen Center. For details call the youth center 747-3150.

FRIDAYS AT LIBERTY SQUARE: Open Skating at Liberty Square tonight for ages 6 to 18 from 6 to 10 p.m. The cost is only \$3 for admission and \$2 for skate rental.

The Teen Center at Liberty Square will be open tonight for ages 13 to 18 from 6 to 11 p.m.

Saturday

KARAOKE: Come out to The Club tonight from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. for karaoke.

WINTER BASH: Festivities start at 9 a.m. with a three-on-three basketball tournament at the sports and fitness center. Enjoy the day’s events and eat a free lunch at The Club from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The bash ends with Galaxy Bowling at Dakota Lanes at 6 p.m.

SKI TRIPS: Join outdoor recreation every Saturday from now until the end of March on a ski trip. The next trips will be to Frost Fire, Saturday; Holiday Mountain, Feb. 15; and Andes Tower, Feb. 22. Sign up at least one-day prior. Call 747-3688 to sign up, and/or for complete details.

Monday

TORCH CLUB MEETING: The youth center holds a meeting every Monday for ages 11 to 13 from 6 to 7 p.m. For details, contact the youth center, 747-3150.

Tuesday

TOURNAMENT TUESDAYS: Come by the youth center to participate in Tournament Tuesdays. This activity is for ages 9 to 12 at 5:30 p.m. and 13 to 18 at 7 p.m. every Tuesday. The tournament for today is three on three volleyball.

TEEN VALENTINE DANCE: Invite your sweetheart to the Valentine’s Day Dance Feb. 14 at Liberty Square from 10 p.m. to midnight. Cost is \$5 and includes snacks. Sign up by today at the youth center by today at 747-3151.

Wednesday

FESTIVAL DU VOYAGEUR: Join outdoor recreation on their “voyage” to Winnipeg’s French District Feb. 15 for dog sled races, food, snow sculptures and much more at the Festival du Voyageur. Departure is at 8 a.m. from outdoor recreation, and you will return at about 10 p.m. same day. Cost is \$15 adults, children under 16, \$10, family of three \$37.50, family of four \$42.50, family of five or more \$50, (family includes two adults 16 & older; additional adults \$10 each). Sign up by close of business today at outdoor recreation at 747-3688.

PRE-TEEN VALENTINE DANCE: Invite your friends to the Valentine's Day Dance Feb. 15 at the youth center from 7 to 9 p.m. This event is for ages 6 - 12 and the cost is \$5, which includes snacks.

Sign up at the youth center by today at 747-3151.

Thursday

FRAMING WORKSHOP: Sign today for the skills development center’s framing workshop 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 15. Cost is \$20 plus materials. Please bring a picture to frame. All classes require pre-payment and pre-registration at the skills development center at 747-3482.

TEEN STUDY GROUP: The teen study group meets 7 to 8 p.m. every Thursday at the youth center for ages 13 to 18.

Upcoming

“LADIES DAY” ICE FISHING TRIP: There will be a ladies day ice fishing trip Feb. 15 for a half-day of ice fishing tailored just for them. You’ll depart outdoor recreation around 7:30 a.m. and return before 3 p.m. This is your chance to find out what it is the “old man” has been doing every weekend. Cost is only \$17.50 per person and includes transportation, equipment, off-shore lunch, and some instruction. Call outdoor recreation at 747-3688 for more details.

SPAGHETTI DINNER AND BOOK SALE: Twining Elementary and Middle School holds a free spaghetti dinner and used book sale Feb. 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. Dinner is at 6 p.m. There will also be a Twining Parent-Teacher Organization meeting at 7 p.m. with free baby sitting provided for the meeting. Come out and get involved in your PTO!

VALENTINE SPECIAL: The Club is offering a Valentine’s Day dinner special 5:30 to 8 p.m. Feb. 14. The menu is steak and shrimp for two. Also, sign up to win a two-night stay for two in Winnipeg, along with a delightful basket full of goodies. Call The Club for details, 747-3392.

SCOTCH DOUBLES: Dakota Lanes will have a Scotch doubles tournament at 7 p.m. Feb. 15 Cost is \$24 per couple, and prizes will be drawn throughout the night. Call the bowling center for details, 747-3050.

SUPER SUNDAY BRUNCH: The Club will have its next Super Sunday Brunch 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Feb. 16. Come and enjoy two meats, biscuits and gravy, eggs, fruit, waffles, omelets and more! The next Sunday Brunch will be Mar. 2.

DOLLAR LUNCH DAY: This month’s dollar lunch Day will be at the Club 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 20. Today’s menu is barbecue.

SKI LESSON: Outdoor recreation is offering a free cross-country ski lesson 6 to 7 p.m. Feb. 20 Please come 15 minutes prior to get fitted for equipment.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRIP: Outdoor recreation has a cross-country ski trip planned for Feb. 22 to Bemidji, Minn. Departure is at 9 a.m. from outdoor recreation and you will be returning same day, late afternoon. Cost is \$15 per person, \$35 for family up to four (\$10 each additional member). Please sign up one-day prior, 747-3688.

FAST EDDIE’S: Come try the new Smoothies in 5 delicious flavors: tropical fruit, raspberry, strawberry, peach and banana. Fast Eddie’s will continue serving “holiday” coffees until supplies run out. Call 747-6201 for details.

MASSAGE: The CAC now offers a new service – a massage therapist available Wednesday and Thursday evenings and Friday mornings. Fees are \$25 for a half-hour session and \$50 for a one-hour session. For an appointment, call 747-6104.

Snowmobilers delight: ND offers 2,000 miles of trails

North Dakota offers 11 snowmobile trails which cover more than 2,000 miles. Snowmobiles must be insured with minimum liability on any state trail. Helmets are required for anyone under the age of 18 year. Roads and road shoulders are not open to snowmobiles, however road ditches are. Speed limits the same as posted for that road if you are in a ditch. Trail speed limits are safe and prudent. Registration fee is \$20 for two years

May-Port Trail System

The May-Port System is about mid-state on the Minnesota border. This 90-mile trail has a nice river bottom run with some shelterbelts and stops at six different towns. This trail is groomed and signed by two clubs, the May-Port Sno-Travelers and the Cummings Driftriders.

Red River Trail System

The Red River System is a 365 miles system that is located on the southern border of the Pembina Gorge Trail System. This system is also tied in to the Minnesota trail system. Five snowmobile clubs take care of the grooming, grubbing, and signing. The five clubs are the Red River Snowmobile Club of Grand Forks, Turtle River Roughriders of Manvel, Valley Sno-Drifters of Grafton, Minto Area Joy Riders of Minto, and the Ridge Runners of Fordville. Please check local maps for the through city route on any of our trail systems.

Pembina Gorge Trail System

The Northeast Trail System, better known as the Pembina Gorge Trail, is located in the northeast corner of the state. This trail system has 490 miles of groomed trails. The Gorge itself is a 'must see' natural phenomenon. This system ties into the Canadian trail at 4 major points and it also ties to two major Minnesota trails. This trail offers miles of riding and it usually has very good snow. This trail also ties into the Red River System which will offer another 365 miles of groomed stuff to ride. Be sure to check local maps for the city routes.

Sheyenne Trail System

The Sheyenne Trail System is located in the southeast part of the state and is south of North Dakota's largest city of Fargo. This system is 610 miles that has a wide variety of riding such as nice flat ditch, shelter belts, National Grassland, and the Sheyenne River bottom. This system has six clubs that do the grooming and signing. They are the Hankinson Snowmobile Club of Hankinson, Red River Sno Riders from Fargo, the Sheyenne Sno Drifters of Valley City, Ransom County Drift Skippers of Lisbon,

the Marion Sno-Riders of Marion, and the Jim River Driftskippers.

Peace Garden Trail System

In the north central part of the state is the Peace Garden Trail which runs through the Turtle Mountains. There are about 310 miles of groomed trail in this area. This is a good scenic ride. This trail ties in with the Canadian Trail in two places - one at the Carburg Port on the west and one at the Peace Gardens, which is approximately in the center of this trail. The International Peace Gardens is a part of this trail as well as Lake Metigoshe State Park. There are four snowmobile clubs that do the grooming, grubbing, and signing for this system. They are the Lake Metigoshe Family Snowmobile Club which includes Bottineau and Lake Metigoshe, the Roaring 20's from Rolla, and the Turtle Mountain Snowmobile Club from Belcourt.

Lake Region Trail System

The Lake Region Trail is located in the east central part of the state. This system is approximately 400 miles. It probably offers the most diversified type of riding on any of our systems. There are tight, twisting trails to wide-open lake runs to ditch riding. There are five clubs that do the grooming, grubbing, and signing of this trail system. They are the Lake Region Snowmobile Club of Devils Lake, the Northern Exposure Club of the Leeds area, the Nelson County Prairie Regulators of the Pekin area, and the Aneta Sportsman Club of Aneta.

Roughrider Trail System

The Roughrider Trail located east of Bismarck and south of Fort Lincoln is two separate trails. This system is located in the south-central part of the state. The south trail is a rail-to-trails which is an old rail bed. This trail has five of the original trestles. It runs for 23 miles south of Fort Lincoln State Park to Fort Rice Historic Site. There is a casino 17 miles south of the end of this trail that you can get to by riding the ditch. About in the middle of this trail is the town of Huff. Just west of the trail is the Huff Hills Downhill Ski Area. The other trail goes east to some good eating at Sterling which is about 25 miles. This trail goes through the towns of Menoken and McKenzie. This system is groomed and signed by the Bismarck Mandan Roughriders.

Sno-Trails Trail

The Sno-Trails, or Minot Trail System is about 330 miles long. The Minot Area Driftbusters, the Burlington River Runners and the Dakota Trail Blazers sign this trail.



State Snowmobile Trails open Dec. 1, providing there is at least four inches of snow on the trail, and closes April 1.

Sakakawea Trail

The Sakakawea Trail System is in the northwest corner of the state. This system is two trails that meet at Lake Sakakawea. Williston, which is the north part, comes southeast along the shore of Lake Sakakawea for about 16 miles then goes north for 4 miles and turns west to make a loop. The whole system is about 70 miles. They are the Williston Trail Riders and the Prairie Ramblers of Watford City.

Little Missouri Trail System

The Little Missouri Trail runs out of Dickinson and goes west to South Heart and Belfield and on to Medora. This is about 35 miles of trail. The signing is done by the Little Missouri ATV & Snowmobile Club of Dickinson. This is a low snow area so be sure to call and check conditions.

Cat-Tail Trail

The trail head for the Cat-Tail Trail is at Hope, located northwest of Fargo. This is a 107-mile ungroomed trail and is the newest in the state snowmobile trail system.

Source: North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department

Intramural standings

<u>Basketball</u>		MSS/CPTS	10-7
<u>Team</u>	<u>W-L</u>	MXS	7-10
OSS	12-5	CES	5-12
LRS	10-7	SFS	6-12
AMXS	11-7	Current as of Tuesday	

Free UND women's hockey

Free University of North Dakota women's' hockey games at Engelstad for airmen and families. Bring military ID cards to the following games, and you get in free!
Families are welcome. For details check out www.fightingsioux.com and www.theralph.com

Saturday, 2:05 p.m.
UND vs. St. Lawrence
Grand Forks, N.D.

Sunday, 12:05 p.m.
UND vs. St. Lawrence
Grand Forks, N.D.

Feb. 23, 2:05 p.m.
UND vs. University of Winnipeg
Grand Forks, N.D.